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Wright State speaks on Syria

A look into the conflicts and consequences of the international debate

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Wright State weighs in on Syria conflict

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A recent WINGS poll of 3,275 individuals suggested reluctance among WSU students, faculty and staff to support involvement in the Syrian conflict.

This poll asked participants the following question:

"The U.S. says it has determined that the Syrian government used chemical weapons in the civil war there. Do you support or oppose the U.S. launching missile strikes against the Syrian government?"

According to this poll, 53.9 percent of participants opposed U.S. involvement, 24.9 percent were waiting for more information, 15.3 percent supported involvement and 5.9 percent had no opinion on the issue.

WSU history professor and military expert Jonathan Winkler expressed doubts about U.S. involvement in Syria.

"I'm not sure what to think or what our national interest really is," Winkler said. "Chemical weapons are nasty, but the U.S. cannot always be the world's police. Choices must be made based on resources, and those are somewhat short in the U.S. right now."

Winkler was intrigued by the important issues that the situation presents.

"There is a long-standing debate over the question of executive war making powers," Winkler said. "If President Obama acts without congressional approval, we are in very interesting territory."

WSU engineering graduate Matthew Raska fears that U.S. involvement could escalate the conflict significantly.

"Iran might get involved due to a mutual defense pact with the Syrian government," Raska said. "The U.S. military could get stuck in yet another costly quagmire."

Winkler agreed.

"We're waiting for that proposal, but we're not waiting for long,"

— Secretary of State John Kerry

"Iran might lash out against the U.S. or allied Israel," Winkler said. "Hezbollah and sympathetic factions in Iraq may also become involved, plunging much of the Middle-East into war."

Junior marketing student Emily Evans became convinced that U.S. involvement was necessary

after hearing about the use of chemical weapons.

"At first I was against it, but the Syrian government has done some awful things," Evans said. "Downtrodden people, like many in Syria, need someone to come to their aid, especially when it is their own government oppressing them."

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base public affairs specialist Estella Holmes was unable to comment officially.

"None of the base leadership would be free to speak on U.S. involvement in Syria, as it is a political issue," Holmes said. "It is still being discussed by Congress and the President, and once they have made a decision, the pentagon will probably provide public affairs guidance saying that military members are not to make any statements on the matter."

Secretary of State John Kerry said he would be willing

to entertain the proposal, assuming it was delivered quickly.

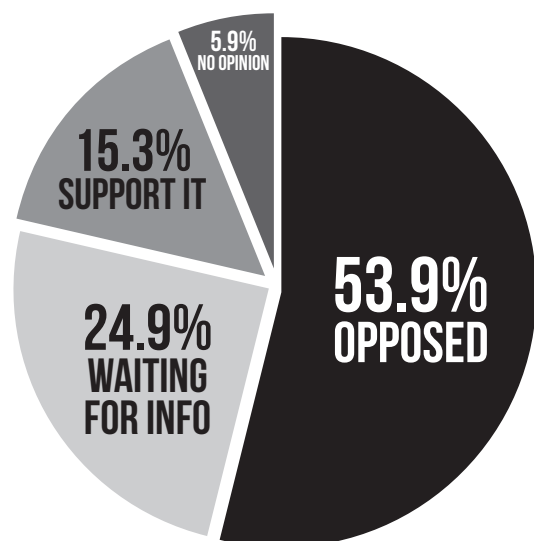
"We're waiting for that proposal, but we're not waiting for long," Kerry said.

Winkler was encouraged by the interest in this issue shown by WSU students and hoped it would continue.

"Keep watching and reading because this event will set important precedents for U.S. foreign policy and the political process in this country," Winkler said. "An informed citizenry is essential to a successful republic."

What are your thoughts on U.S. involvement in Syria? Let us know on this week's poll at theguardianonline.com

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Quick News

WSU police chief placed on paid leave

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Wright State Police Chief Michael Martinsen was placed on paid administrative leave, the university said Monday.

David Finnie was named the interim chief, according to Vice President of Communications and Public Marketing George Heddleston.

Heddleston said the time it will take to investigate is still unclear.

"There is no way to know how long," Heddleston said. "These situations come up infrequently, and when they do, each situation is resolved

one way or another at its own pace."

The university is currently investigating informal allegations made against him of sexual harassment, hostile work environment, retaliation and misuse of the university's credit card, according to a Dayton Daily News review of his personnel records.

Father of Wright State student makes improbable recovery

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Anthony Yahle, the 37-year-old father of WSU student Courtney Yahle made national news Aug. 5 after being declared dead for 45 minutes. For reasons currently unknown, Yahle's heart began beating again, and he has since made a full recovery.

Yahle said she was at home with her father when his

troubles began.

"I was listening to music when I heard screams from my parents' bedroom," Yahle said. "My mom and brother yelled at me to call 911 because my dad wasn't breathing and didn't have a pulse."

After restarting his heart several times, Anthony Yahle's doctors declared him dead. Then, according to Courtney Yahle, her brother ran into their father's room and said, "you're not going to die today."

"My father was completely flat-lined when my brother first went in," Yahle said. "A few minutes later, he came back out and told us that there was a heartbeat."

In addition to expressing his sympathy for the family, WSU medical student Josh Wenzell was intrigued by the thought-provoking case.

"This is particularly interesting because it encompasses a key aspect of declaring death, which is

a more complicated subject than it might appear," Wenzell said. "I'd be interested to hear what criteria were used for the declaration of death, and I hope that subsequent studies are being done to figure out what actually happened."

With this trying event occurring in the weeks leading up to the beginning of fall semester, Courtney Yahle had mixed feelings about returning to school.

"At first, I was planning

on taking a break, but after talking with my family, they convinced me that something like this should affect me positively, not negatively," Yahle said. "It is hard to tell if it will affect my studies, but I won't take it for granted."

Yahle offered some advice to her fellow students.

"I would like to tell everyone to stay positive and hopeful, no matter how dire a situation may seem," Yahle said. "And of course, go raiders."

9/11 Memories

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Junior Aashwin Sachdev

“When 9/11 happened, I was seven years old in New Delhi, India. My aunt and uncle lived in the U.S. and since I was only seven I didn’t know a lot of geography...like where the 9/11 site was, where was New York, where was Dayton, Ohio? And I remember being very concerned about my aunt and uncle. And with the time zone difference we couldn’t reach out to them and they didn’t have a cell phone, because it was 2001. It was a very scary moment for all of my family. We were all in the same house, about 35 of us, we were watching the news, and at some point the kids were sent out because it was too horrific for the kids, but I remember being very, very scared.”



Twelve years ago, America was faced with the shocking realization that it was not invincible. Thousands of civilians died in the 9/11 attacks in New York City on Sept.11, 2001 when the World Trade Center was attacked by Islamic extremists.

The following are chronicles of the events from students and members of the community:

Senior Ellen Hackly

“I remember that moment we found out because my friend Rhys’ dad was a pilot, and he was flying into Washington that day. I remember looking at him, and his whole face dropped and he looked at me and said, “My dad is flying today.” And I mean, after that, they shut everything off, and I just remember sitting there with Rhys trying to calm him down because he thought his dad was involved, but thank God he wasn’t. But I remember exactly every moment being with Rhys. It was terrifying.”



Sophomore Abby Funk

“My teacher started crying and they all turned on the TV’s. We watched it, and nobody really knew what was going on. It was awful. Then our parents picked us up from school and I remember going home and I watched it with my mom and she tried to explain it to me but I didn’t really grasp it.”



Freshman Kara Freeman

“What I remember from 9/11 is that I was in kindergarten, and I was in a classroom and our teachers were trying to keep us calm. I remember my mom coming to get me from school. Then we were at the house and I really didn’t know what was going on, but I remember that it seemed like my parents were really scared the whole time, so that made me really scared. Then I remember a huge plane flying over my house, and we seemed to think it was the president or something. That’s all I remember.”



Did you know? In 2012, Sept 11th was proclaimed Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance

“Quad Gods” Only Have the Power You Give Them

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It is only the third week of classes and already students have been subjected to the very antithesis of academic discourse—the ecstatically insular sermons chanted by individuals known to Wright State students as “Quad Gods.”

If you haven’t witnessed this brand of evangelicals

yet—if you’re a freshman or new to the university—then you almost certainly will by the end of the semester. They are usually found near the Founder’s Quadrangle, loudly accusing various students of being on the path to eternal damnation.

It is obvious, whether you are an atheist, practicing Neo-Pagan or even Christian that these men (not women, of course, because God wouldn’t be speaking through

them) are truly self-serving; they announce that others unlike themselves are the cause of all their anguish, of all the problems they create themselves by making all-or-nothing rules for the entire world that they do not even follow.

But now I’m beginning to preach as well.

No, this issue is not as clear as it might seem. The scoffing, intellectual distance to emotion that is often palpable in

university communities only fuels the motivation of these Quad-Gods when students decide to prod them with lines of “reason.” And what else do you expect these self-enraging people to do but continually charge us with being corrupt?

I am in no way advocating the cause of any Quad-God; however, I do believe we should change our reactions toward them. If they feel they must accuse us of being immoral, why should we give them

opportunities for us to appear so (in their minds)?

Ignoring their presence may not force them to change their thinking, but neither they nor we are capable of making anyone else change. They have a right to peacefully demonstrate, but they don’t have the right to psychologically manipulate us by baiting our egos into thinking we are any ‘better’ than they are.

Chartwells' service receives mixed reactions from students

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Wright State's recently selected food provider Chartwells has received mixed reviews on their service to the university so far.

Some of the favorite food options that students enjoyed last year have been replaced. Zona Mexicana, for example, offers a more expensive Mexican-flavored menu than the Taco Bell that existed previously.

"I miss my Taco Bell," Junior Megan O'Brien said. "The beef on my burrito wasn't very good."

Sophomore Gretchen Coffman was concerned with the price increase.

"I miss Taco Bell because it was quick and cheap," Coffman said. "It's lacking in the cheap options this semester."

Coffman said she prefers the old options, but she does enjoy some of the new ones.

"Meltdown is really good and I liked Denny's," Coffman said. "The wait wasn't that long."

Junior Leilani Gibbs said she was grateful for some of Chartwells' fresher tactics in food preparation.

"I have a food allergy that doesn't allow me to eat anything with flour in it," Gibbs said, "and everything in the Union Market can be made to order, which allows me to avoid flour all together. I can get a burger with no bun, which I couldn't get at other colleges because the food was pre-made and you just grabbed it off the counter."

David Dominique, an environmental sciences professor, said he has tried many of the new food stations.

"I had a veggie burger and fries at Denny's and a tuna melt at The Meltdown," said Dominic. "The burger patty was not hot, but the tuna melt was good."

Dominic said he had to wait a long time at both establishments.

"I would go back to The Meltdown, but only if I know the wait will be short," Dominic said.



Grill Nation employee preparing food for the lunch rush Photo by Michael Tyler: Photo Editor

Student organization funding overview

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Student Government (SG) and the University Activities Board (UAB) received the largest cut in the 2013-2014 Student Organization Budget Committee (SOBC) distribution.

SOBC has allocated \$615,000 to more than 50 organizations on campus, according to Gary Dickstein, co-chair of the SOBC and vice president of student affairs.

SG requested \$119,702 for 2013-2014, a \$6,615 decrease from last year. UAB, which promotes activities and programs for the entire campus, requested \$244,677, but only received \$109,120.

The SOBC's main function is to fund student organizations across the campus. They decide which organizations to fund, and how much funding

they should receive.

There are an estimated 200 clubs on campus and only 80 organizations applied to receive funding this year, Dickstein said.

The committee is made up of about five to eight members, who come from various organizations on campus both big and small. New members will be appointed in Jan. or Feb. SG appoints two to three members and the vice president's office appoints the rest, Dickstein said.

"We try to create a committee that is representative of the student body," Dickstein said. "Graduates, undergraduates, students from different organizations both small and large, anything that you can think of in terms of how our students are represented—and we try to mirror that as best as we can."

Within the SOBC committee,

the "Big 6," a nickname given to the largest six organizations on campus receives the largest portion of the money. These clubs include: SG, UAB, Black Student Union, Rainbow Alliance, Greek Affairs Counsel, and Asian Hispanic Native American Association.

The smallest amount awarded was \$500 to the History club.

"I like the fact that your peers are evaluating each other and saying 'of our tuition dollars, this is where we want our tuition dollars to go,' Dickstein said. "And they get to support their peers and their efforts to make a difference on campus."

If an organization does not spend all of its money toward the end of the year, the money is then put back into an account for the next year, Dickstein said.

Quick News

Fairborn emergency vehicles outside Diggs Laboratory

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A Fairborn ambulance and fire truck parked outside of Diggs Laboratory around 11 a.m. Monday, as Fairborn Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) responded to a call.

According to the WSU police report, a 20 year-old female began seizing in Health Sciences. She reported feeling "very stressed out" to police.

When Medics responded, she refused transport to the hospital. The woman asked

the police to contact someone from Disability Services just after the Medics left the location. While dispatch contacted Disability Services, the woman began seizing again, and the police contacted Fairborn Medics to return.

The medics arrived a second time, examined the woman again and offered transport to the hospital, which the woman declined

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Welcome to the Welcome Center

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Outdoor Resource Center offers outdoor climbing experience

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Students can have their climbing “on the rocks” Sept. 16 and 30 with the John Bryan Rock Out, a rock-climbing outing from the Outdoor Resource Center.

The event will last from 4-8 p.m. Students interested in attending can register for \$12 at the Outdoor Resource Center in the Student Union.

The John Bryan Rock Out was created to give students the opportunity to take their climbing out of the gym and into nature at John Bryan State Park in Yellow Springs.

“Most people’s experience with climbing is strictly indoors, so they’ve never climbed outside. It will get them oriented with outdoor climbing,” Graduate Assistant for Outdoor Recreation Jeremy Wooddell said.

Wooddell believes climbing outside offers challenges that indoor climbing does not.

“There’s a little bit more of a problem solving aspect to it,” said Wooddell. “[You are] trying to find a route rather than just following what someone else has already set up in front of you.”

Senior Anthropology major Jenna Kolb, who works for the Outdoor Resource Center, agreed.

“Inside, you can see where things are. Stuff is marked and you know what to grab,” said Kolb, “but outside, sometimes you have to feel around a bit or guess. Just try it, make an error and fall. That’s one of the reasons it’s more difficult.”

Wooddell said that outdoor climbing offers aesthetics than indoor climbing walls can’t provide.

“You get a gorgeous atmosphere,” said Wooddell. “The weather is cool out, you have a nice breeze going and flocks of birds will be coming through.”

Climbing in a natural setting also appealed to Kolb.

“Outside climbing is a lot more fun,” said Kolb. “You get to be out in nature, you get to hang out with people and the experience is a lot more rewarding.”

Wooddell recommended that students interested in attending the John Bryan Rock Out take a Belay Clinic to get their belay certification. The belay is the rope supporting the climber.

“Generally, the places that we’ll be we will be able to drop as many as four ropes, so four people could potentially be climbing at the same time,” said Wooddell. “With just two instructors, we’d only be able to have two people climbing at a time. But if people got certified in belaying, then they [would be] allowed to belay on our trips as well.”

CPR and AED training in Beavercreek

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This Friday, CPR and AED training classes will be held in Beavercreek to train adults how to give CPR and use an AED to save a life.

The class will take place Friday, Sept. 14 in Beavercreek. The fee is \$50 and the class starts at 11:00 a.m. The address is 3195 Dayton-Xenia Rd, Suite 900, Beavercreek OH 45434.

The instructional class gives

adults a chance to learn about reasoning and techniques in health emergencies.

According to the Mayo Clinic, CPR is a first aid technique that can be used by anyone who is certified to resuscitate a person whose heart or breathing has stopped. CPR is given by giving 30 compressions to the chest followed by two breaths though the mouth.

“For those who are not certified to give CPR, only chest compressions are recommended,” said nursing

major Kim Drummond.

An AED is a device that can be used can to help treat cardiac arrest until emergency help arrives. The device can be found in nearly every campus building at Wright State, usually on the first floor.

“The AED comes in a box with two sticky pads to apply to the chest and it sends a shock to the heart to keep the person alive,” nursing major Alex Ohm said.

NBC’s ‘Parks and Recreation’ star comes to Dayton

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Stand-up comedian and Slimy spender Tom Haverford of NBC’s “Parks and Recreation,” Aziz Ansari, performed at Dayton’s Victoria Theatre on Sept. 7.

The theater was packed with fans ready for a laugh Saturday night, and Ansari delivered. His stand-up routine is on Netflix, but this Saturday he performed his new material: relationship analysis, specifically for singles. Ansari

analyzed modern dating culture with acute observation, pointing out dating traditions we knew were true but never recognized. He looked into the motivations behind text messages, calling on the audience for participation by asking for a show of hands. What do you do when someone unwanted texts you? Who responds with silence? Who pretends to have other plans? Who blatantly says they’re not interested?

Making sure to poke fun at anyone who participated, Ansari even ventured into the audience to read the text messages

between a woman and her newfound love interest. He also called on a volunteer from the front row to role-play with him. The more he played with the audience, the more the audience could see his honed ability for improv and stand-up comedy.

The crowd loved him, and by the end of the night the fans were split into two camps: the men repeating Ansari’s jokes over and over again and the women coming to grips with whether anything Ansari said about dating was true.

AHNA Center to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

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Wright State’s Asian/Hispanic/Native American Center (AHNA) will hold its 16th annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, which will include a lecture, a documentary screening and a “Día de los Muertos” altar-making event.

The center has hosted Hispanic Heritage Month festivities since it opened in

1997. Each year since 1988 the U.S. government set aside the period from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month, according to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The NEH said that in the U.S. government, ‘Hispanic’ refers to “Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race.” U.S. Census data from 2010 shows that people of Hispanic descent make up only about three percent of Ohio’s population.

“The Midwest is an area where we lack diversity. It’s kind of isolated,” said Mai Nguyen, Director of the AHNA Center. “We had [Hispanic History Month events] in the past and the students loved it because you learn about another culture that is so different.”

The event series begins with a lecture on Sept. 12.

“We invite scholars who are experts in immigration, law, anything to do with Latino culture or issues to come give a talk to our students,” Nguyen

said.

This year the focus of the lecture is on understanding Latino immigration from a historical perspective. The event will be held in the Millett Atrium from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

“We also have some cultural activities like the celebration of the Day of the Dead. Then we have the Latin night, which is the finale,” Nguyen said. “Students and community members can join us to learn more about the Latino culture.

It’s free, and open to everyone.”

The Day of the Dead Altar Making event will be held on Sept. 20 at 12:15 p.m. in the Multicultural Lounge in Millett Hall and Latin Night will be Oct. 15 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Apollo Room.

“We encourage everyone to make time to come...to share the beauty and learn about Latino history, culture and also the contributions of Latinos to America,” said Nguyen.

Festival Playhouse introduces 'Harvey'

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On Thursday, Sept. 19, the Wright State University Festival Playhouse team will begin its 2013-2014 season with their production of "Harvey."

Mary Chase's 1944 comedy details the account of Elwood P. Dowd as he introduces guests at a dinner party to his "friend," an invisible six-and-a-half-foot-tall rabbit by the name of Harvey. Elwood's sister Veta, having seen enough, resigns her brother to a sanitarium. However, he and his furry friend roam free when Veta herself ends up within its walls.

Cameron Blankenship and Taylor Montgomery, both senior acting majors here at WSU, will be suiting up as the lead roles Elwood Dowd and Veta Simmons respectively.

"I get to step into other peoples' shoes and experience a level of empathy that most people don't," said Blankenship.

Blankenship said "Harvey" is a great show, and that he can already see a change in his daily life since inhabiting Elwood's character in past weeks.

Montgomery feels that acting

is something she was born to do.

"When you know you're meant to do something, it's worth all the hard work," Montgomery said.

She said she enjoyed playing this character "because she's crazy. And I'm crazy, so it works out pretty well."

"Harvey" Director Brian McKnight has previously directed other productions at WSU, including "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Our Town" and "All My Sons."

McKnight said he felt strongly about his connection to the actors and the play.

"I try to be the kind of director that I want as an actor," he said. "Because I think of myself as an actor who directs."

As for "Harvey," what interests McKnight is the humanity of it.

"I like rough edges," Harvey said. "This is a really enjoyable night in theater, and I think there's a humanity that we've found."

"Harvey" premieres in the WSU Creative Arts Center on Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. For ticketing information, including additional performance dates, contact the Box Office at (937) 775-2500.



Student actors prepare for premiere

Photo by Dylan Dohner Contributing Writer

Tutoring Services offers new "Namastudy" workshops

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Wright State's Tutoring Services has started a new program, Namastudy, which is a series of workshops designed to help students get in the right mindset for studying, academic etiquette and preparing for finals.

"Through meetings with students and faculty I've learned that there are pieces that students could benefit from in terms of transitioning from high school to college and as they progress in their college career," Director of Tutoring Services Folade Speaks said.

Senior and study coach Maggie Demarse spoke about

the origin of the program.

"We wanted to come up with a concept that's not just the tutor talking to the student being tutored," said Demarse.

Demarse works with students on visual organization and said some students find it helpful to use "graphic organizers such as reading charts ... they can organize the characters and their feelings and their roles. This can help you process it in your own way."

Senior Michel'le Curington is also a study coach.

"We want to make sure the students are very organized when it comes to their life in general. We want to make sure their character is evolving and that's based upon being organized."

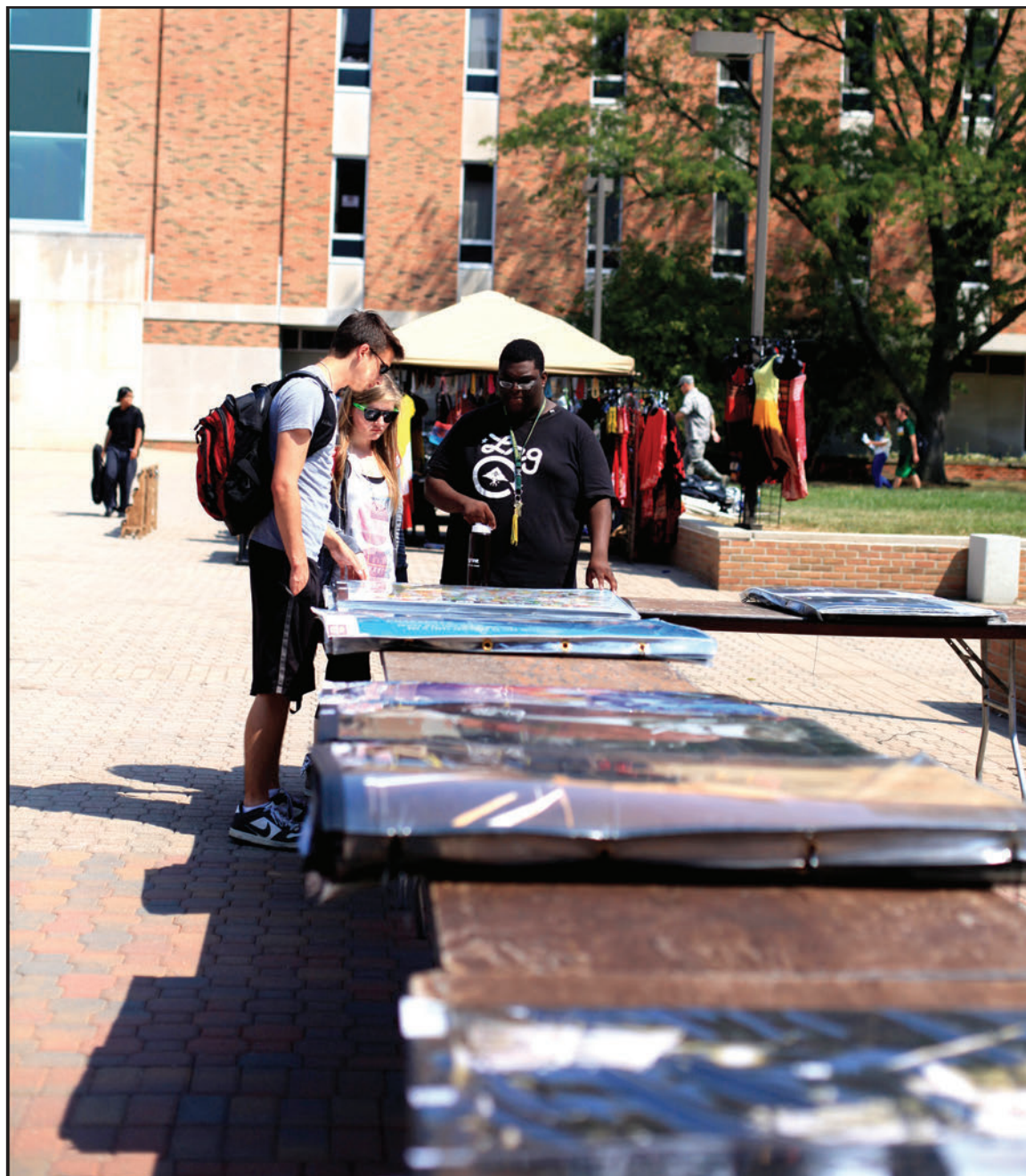
Curington also said that workshops are not just for freshmen.

"I would definitely recommend [the programs] for any student," said Curington. "Because sometimes students may not need a tutor, they may need a study coach to help set goals or help push them."

"It's to help the students set everything aside and clear their minds before getting back into studying," said senior Jacqueline Roby, who helps operate a workshop about meditation and relaxation.

Information about Namastudy workshop dates and locations can be found in the Tutoring Service offices.

Quad Life: Poster Sale



Students browse posters in the quad Tuesday

Photo by Leah Kelley: News Editor

Sports Shorts

Men’s basketball lands eight nationally televised games

Wright State’s men’s basketball may soon go from hometown heroes to household names thanks in part to a slew of nationally televised games slated for the 2013-14 season.

The Raiders will appear a total of eight times on the ESPN family of networks and the newly-launched Fox Sports 1, which will showcase WSU’s tilt against Big East tournament regular Georgetown on Nov. 13.

The other seven games WSU will play, all of which will be on ESPN, will be Horizon League games against Valparaiso, Green Bay, Youngstown State, Cleveland State and Detroit.

“Those 8 NATIONAL ESPN and Fox appearances are the most in our history and provide unreal brand building for WSU,” said WSU Athletic Director Bob Grant on Twitter Friday.

Club football schedule in limbo

Due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, Wright State’s club football team did not make a trip to Kenosha, WI to play the Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers and the team will also not have an opponent this weekend.

Head coach Anthony Vanhorn said on Tuesday Tiffin has cancelled its schedule for 2013, but WSU may add another semi-pro team to its schedule later in the year.

Volleyball splits four games at Lafayette, falls to Butler

Only ten matches into the 2013 season and the Wright State volleyball team has bested its win total from a year ago.

The Raiders split four matches in two nights at the Lafayette Tournament in Easton and Bethlehem, PA. WSU defeated Saint Peter’s, 3-2, on Friday and Fairleigh Dickinson, 3-1, on Saturday.

WSU then fell in straight sets to Butler Tuesday night.

WSU will open its home schedule Friday against Robert Morris at 6:30 p.m. at McLin Gym.

Fitness Focus

In collaboration with the Well Fit sport club, The Guardian presents a weekly series of fitness tips intended for both the experienced gym rat and the recreational rookie alike. For the month of September, senior and AFAA (Aerobics and Fitness Association of America) certified personal trainer Alex Keller has designed four core-busting yoga exercises, with step-by-step instructions on how to get the most out of each pose.

Exercise #2: Downward facing dog to plank

Body parts worked: latissimus dorsi, rhomboids, trapezius, biceps, triceps, hamstrings and abdominals.

Directions (as told by Keller):



1. Start in the downward facing dog position –hands shoulder-width apart, feet hip-width apart.



2. Inhale with your right leg held high, exhale, move to a plank position, drawing the right knee to either the chest, the outside of the right elbow or to the left elbow.



3. Inhale, reach the right leg high, exhale and repeat. Switch sides. Repeat ten times on each side.

Women’s soccer: Own goal downs Raiders

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Wright State was shut out for the second consecutive match as the Raiders fell to undefeated Iowa 1-0 Sunday afternoon in Iowa City, Iowa.

The Hawkeyes’ lone goal came in the 66th minute after Iowa’s Melanie Pickert’s free kick from midfield bounced off the head of Wright State

defender Liz Soto past the diving hands of WSU goalkeeper Brooke McCurdy.

Leading scorer Emilie Fillion only managed two shots in Sunday’s contest. Fillion has been the catalyst for the offense this year as she has been involved in every goal the Raiders have scored so far.

Before Sunday’s game, head coach Patrick Ferguson said that defenses were starting to key on the Raiders’ leading scorer.

“As you go through the season, other teams get scouting reports on you and which kids can play,” Ferguson said. “That is what is going to happen and she will have to deal with that.”

The Raiders got off to a slow start in the first half as Iowa outshot WSU 11-0 in the opening stanza. The Hawkeyes kept McCurdy and the defense busy as six of those 11 shots were on target.

So far in 2013, WSU has been

outshot 45-19 in the first half by its opponents. McCurdy and the defense have been key to keeping the Raiders in games as the team has a 90.9 percent save percentage.

The Raiders tried to turn things around in the second half with three shots on target.

With the loss, the Raiders have a 2-2-2 record for the season. In all six contests, the Raiders have allowed no more than one goal.

After playing five of its first

six matches on the road, WSU returns home for a pair of nonconference games starting with a contest against Dayton Sunday at 7 p.m.

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Men's soccer: Elder leads Raiders in dramatic victory

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Wright State broke a 0-5-1 string in overtime contests dating back to 2011 Friday as Brett Elder's bending strike gave the Raiders a 3-2 win over Marshall to open the season.

Elder's goal came three minutes into overtime when he went top shelf on Thundering Herd goalkeeper David Sellitti.

"Last year, we would be up quite a few times and then we would not have a response," Elder said. "This time, we had three responses in one game."

If the Raiders had their way, the contest would have never gone to overtime. WSU held a 2-1 lead going into the final two minutes of regulation. Marshall's Jack Hopkins fired a free kick over the Raiders' wall in the 89th minute to knot the contest at 2.

"I failed (the team) on

(Marshall's) last goal they scored," Raiders head coach Bryan Davis said. "Because I pulled a guy off the wall to mark something, and the kid hit, I took a gamble and I lost. He hit the hell out of it."

The Raiders held a 1-0 halftime lead thanks to freshman Eric Lynch's breakaway goal in the 15th minute after sneaking past the defense. The Raiders fired five shots on target in the first half compared to three for the

Thundering Herd.

"We were working hard and we kept winning the ball where we wanted to win it so we were doing what the coach wanted us to do," Elder said about the first half.

After Marshall's Mukor Harris tied the game at 1 in the 57th minute, the Raiders responded in the 85th. Gustav Svensson's free kick from midfield found Wesley Cain in the box who redirected the shot with his head. Cain had five

shots on target.

This year, we seem to have more fight in us," Cain said. "We feel that we can fight back and we feel that we are the best team and we were the best team tonight."

WSU's next mission is to take down Robert Morris tonight in Chicago. The game will mark WSU's first road contest of the season.



Forward Brett Elder and his teammates celebrate after Elder's goal gave WSU an overtime victory over Marshall

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Commentary: 'Olbermann' a breath of fresh air for ESPN

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Very quietly, Keith Olbermann - a man who often commands attention and is never shy of telling you what he thinks - has been putting together one of the best sports opinions shows on TV.

In fact, he's been doing it every weeknight at 11 p.m. Eastern time since Aug. 26.

If you haven't had the opportunity to watch "Olbermann" - a show with a title as simplistic as its format - do so. And do so, if, for no other reason than to watch Olbermann serve as ESPN's media watchdog.

For roughly the opening 15 minutes of the show, Olbermann comments on the top stories in sports, delivering his unique and

sometimes tongue-and-cheek insights. It is one part "The Daily Show", one part highlights and one part interviews with guests.

Better yet, no one is safe from Olbermann's ire. To date, Olbermann has gone after newspaper columnists, NFL head coaches and even Costa Rican soccer fans.

In the first episode of his show, Olbermann chided New York Daily News columnist Manish Mehta for Mehta's misleading article, which suggested that New York Jets head coach Rex Ryan should lose his job because he inserted then-starting quarterback Mark Sanchez into a preseason game behind the team's reserve offense line. Mehta went on to insist that a quarterback controversy had developed in NY. The problem with Mehta's piece? Ryan never

said Sanchez's job was in jeopardy and Mehta's lone source in the article was a tweet. That he himself tweeted. So in essence, the story that Mehta wrote was manufactured out of thin air.

"Reporting is dead. Long live making something out of nothing," said Olbermann on the show.

Olbermann continued: "Did you know some sports stories are made up? Gosh, I know, I'm shocked."

Olbermann does not just lead viewers through the day's headlines, but rather emphasizes the important "so what?" aspect of journalism many debate-style sports shows seem to ignore.

What makes him captivating is the same thing that makes him controversial: you never

know what he's going to say next.

If you watched him on MSNBC's "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" as a political commentator, then this side of Olbermann will look familiar. Though the New York Times reported that Olbermann said politics would be out of bounds on his new show, he rejected that notion, but said he will only talk politics when it directly intersects with the sports world.

And if politics is not your game, or you simply want a different perspective on that day's highlights, Olbermann obliges. During "Keithlights," Olbermann channels his earlier SportsCenter days when he sat beside former "Big Show" sidekick Dan Patrick. He digs into his archive of catchphrases and makes anyone who grew up on SportsCenter during the 90s a bit nostalgic

while leading viewers through a simple baseball highlight.

In a time when sports journalism lacks substance, and TV panels consist of more analysts and egos than can fit into the camera's lens, Olbermann's singular voice and straight ahead approach is refreshing.

No one is trying to talk over anyone. The set, save for the natural glitzy ambience that the Times Square's backdrop provides, is fairly toned down compared to what you find on most other ESPN and Fox Sports shows.

"Olbermann" is just one well-spoken and well-educated man's opinion that is accentuated with a touch of comedy and sarcasm.

You might not have heard about Olbermann's new show until now, but I think it is safe to say that the secret is out.

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